

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: Matthew Sweetland

Assignee: Methode Electronics, Inc.

Patent No. 6,951,465

Issued: October 4, 2005

For: MULTIPLE-CONTACT WOVEN
POWER CONNECTORS

**REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 TO EXCUSE
ERROR CONCERNING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Methode Electronics, Inc. ("Methode"), assignee of this patent, respectfully requests excuse of error directed to payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for this patent on a small entity basis and failure to notify the Office of loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to payment of the foregoing maintenance fee.

This patent issued to Tribotek, Inc. ("Tribotek") on October 4, 2005, from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/603047, which was filed and prosecuted by Tribotek on a small entity basis. On March 6, 2008, Tribotek assigned the patent to Methode. Methode does not qualify for small entity status. Notwithstanding, through error and without deceptive intent, Methode recently paid the 3.5 year maintenance fee on a small entity basis and did not file a notice of loss of small entity status prior to payment of the maintenance fee.

Methode respectfully requests that the foregoing errors be excused. Methode hereby tenders payment of \$490.00 which represents the difference between the current large entity maintenance fee of \$980.00 and the small entity maintenance fee of \$490.00 paid in error. Methode files herewith a Notification of Loss of Small Entity Status.

The Office is authorized to charge the foregoing amount (\$490.00) to Methode's undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 12-0913 (Attorney Docket No. 49072-109052). The Office also is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to the foregoing deposit account.

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Methode respectfully requests that the Office direct any question concerning this matter to its undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF LOSS OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Dear Sir:

The above-captioned patent has been assigned to Methode Electronics, Inc. ("Methode"). Methode does not qualify for small entity status. Accordingly, Methode, by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby notifies the Office of the loss of entitlement to claim small entity status in connection with this patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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